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Overview

The Board will continue its efforts to improve the health and well-being of *all* children in Washington. Given this is one of the Board's priorities, the Children's Health and Well-Being Committee will maintain its focus on ways to provide access to needed services. Since there is no one way to assure and improve access, the Committee will work on three main tracks.

Rule Revisions

The Committee has responsibility to review existing Board rules related to children. These rules are each being reviewed under the umbrella of access to health services. Rules currently under review include:

Visual and Auditory Screening WAC—Delegated to DOH for housekeeping changes only. DOH will prepare a CR-102 with proposed housekeeping changes. If public concerns arise, the Board will reassume the rule review.

Scoliosis Screening WAC—Delegated to DOH for housekeeping changes only. DOH will prepare a CR-102 with proposed housekeeping changes. If public concerns arise, the Board will reassume the rule review.

Prenatal Screening WAC—Ongoing, will be completed by September 2002. The Committee will continue to work with DOH to prepare a CR-102. The CR-102 will be filed by August 1, 2002. A public hearing is expected at the September 2002 Board meeting.

Newborn Screening WAC—Ongoing, will be completed by April 2003. The Board and DOH are co-sponsoring the Newborn Screening Advisory Committee to determine which, if any, disorders should be added to the list of mandated screenings for all newborns. Privacy issues have been referred to the Board's Genetics Task Force.

Vital Statistics WAC—Ongoing; to be completed by September 2002. The Board is working with DOH to determine proposed changes to state-required birth and death certificates. Proposed changes are primarily based on new federal standards. The CR-102 cannot be filed until the federal standards are finalized. A CR-102 is likely to be filed by August 1, 2002. A public hearing is expected at the September 2002 Board meeting.

Immunizations WAC—Rule review to occur by October 2002 to address possible vaccine shortages. Staff will work with DOH to monitor possible vaccine shortages.

Task	Timeline
Approval of SBOH to delegate Scoliosis rule to DOH for housekeeping purposes only	October 2001
Approval of SBOH to delegate Auditory and Visual rule to DOH for housekeeping purposes only.	October 2001
Submit CR-102 for the proposed Prenatal Screening rule revision.	August 2002
Board hearing on proposed Prenatal Screening rule revision.	September 2002
Continue co-chairing Newborn Screening Advisory Committee to determine possible changes to the Newborn Screening rule.	October 2001-April 2002
Submit CR-102 for the proposed Newborn Screening rule revision	January 2003
Board hearing on proposed Newborn Screening rule revision	May 2003
Submit CR-102 for the proposed Vital Statistics rule revision.	August 2002
Board hearing on proposed Vital Statistics rule revision	September 2002
Approval of proposed CR 101 for Immunization rule review	May 2002
Submit CR 102 for the proposed Immunization rule revision	September 2002
Board hearing on proposed Immunization rule revision	October 2002

Well-Child Screenings

The Committee will continue to encourage and support efforts to increase the number of young children who receive comprehensive health screenings. This work will be based on the Board's, Approved List of Clinical Preventive Services for Children Birth to 10 Years of Age. The Committee will:

1. Monitor and support the OSPI/DSHS/DOH well-child checkup pilot. This pilot is testing if and how children can be required to have a well-child checkup by school entry. The Committee will monitor this effort and look for opportunities to utilize information gleaned from the pilot.
2. Consider ways to utilize information gleaned from the Board's nationwide study of states with well-child checkup requirements at school entry. Efforts may include sharing the information with the Governor's office, legislators, and other policy makers at the state and local level, as well as private organizations and other interested parties.
3. Monitor and support the Medical Assistance Administration efforts to improve the number of low-income children who receive comprehensive EPSDT services. This will include tracking quality improvement activities and considering ways to build on those activities to improve the number and quality of screenings for *all* children.
4. Track other efforts in the public and private sectors to improve the health and well-being of *all* children in Washington.

Task	Timeline
Participate on and monitor appropriate DOH, OSPI, and DSHS advisory committees as well as other public or private advisory committees working to improve children's access to well-child screenings.	October 2001-June 2003

Preventing and Reducing Overweight and Obesity in Children

1. Build the relationship between the Washington State Board of Health and the Washington State Board of Education to coordinate responsibilities related to school health issues.
2. Explore opportunities to develop public-private partnerships to encourage health education, physical activity, and nutrition for school-age children. Consider utilizing existing organizations with mutual concerns as well as other possible collaborators.
3. Evaluate the various funding streams and financial incentives that affect nutrition, health education, and physical activity in schools.

Tasks	Timeline
Develop and conduct an assessment of current activities underway in Washington related to nutrition, weight, physical activity, oral health, and diabetes. The assessment will include identifying current programs in the public and private sectors. Programs to be identified will include health education and information, direct health services, as well as others.	October 2001-February 2002
Report back to the Board with options for Committee work and products that will benefit all children or specific groups of children.	May 2002
Build the relationship between the Washington State Board of Health and the Washington State Board of Education to coordinate responsibilities related to school health issues	May 2002-June 2003
Explore opportunities to develop public-private partnerships to encourage health education, physical activity, and nutrition for school-age children. Consider utilizing existing organizations with mutual concerns as well as other possible collaborators.	May 2002-June 2003
Evaluate the various funding streams and financial incentives that affect nutrition, health education, and physical activity in schools.	May 2002-June 2003
Submit final report to Board for approval	June 2003